



PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

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Group Art Unit: 1763

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For: CARBON NANOTUBE MANUFACTURING APPARATUS AND METHOD, AND
GAS DECOMPOSER FOR USE IN THE MANUFACTURING APPARATUS AND
METHOD

RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:


In reply to the August 23, 2007 Election of Species Requirement, Applicants provisionally elect Species I. Applicants submit that claims 1-6, 15-18, and 34-36 read on the elected species and agree with the PTO that claims 1-5, 15-18, and 34-36 are generic. The election is made with traverse.

It is also respectfully submitted that the subject matter of all claims is sufficiently related that a thorough search for the subject matter of any one Group of claims would encompass a search for the subject matter of the remaining claims. Thus, it is respectfully submitted that the search and examination of the entire application could be made without serious burden. See MPEP §803 in which it is stated that "if the search and examination of an entire application can be made without serious burden, the examiner must examine it on the merits, even though it includes claims to independent or distinct inventions" (emphasis added). It is respectfully submitted that this policy should apply in the present application in

order to avoid unnecessary delay and expense to Applicants and duplicative examination by the Patent Office.

Thus, withdrawal of the Election of Species Requirement is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,


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